Vacancies of Headmasters.

341. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to enquire and state how many Headmasters' places are still (12-7-1929) vacant?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Seven.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state why these vacancies are left unfilled for such a long time?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): For various reasons. The Director of Public Instruction has explained the matter in detail.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know what are the reasons?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Director of Public Instruction has explained the other day the various grounds—selection of men, etc.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Am I to understand that I should go back to the explanation given?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member was here when the Director spoke. That was why I referred to the speech.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Do the Government think that the schools can go on without filling up these places?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There are men in charge of the schools.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know why these vacancies are kept unfilled?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): For the present they are filled by teachers.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): What are the special reasons for which these vacancies are kept unfilled?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Director wanted to consider the claims of various persons whom he would consider fit for promotion.

Detection of Forest offences.

342. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Referring to the statement in paragraph 7 of Government Order R. Dis. No. 1016/29/Development, dated the 14th June 1929, "As compared with 1102 there has been an increase in the number of cases especially or those relating to (i) clearing of land, (ii) illicit collection, possession or removal of timber or of minor produce in the reserved forests and (iii) counterfeiting or defacing marks on trees and altering boundary marks. Government feel that if the departmental officers pay greater attention to the detections and prosecutions of such offences there will be considerable deterioration in the commission of forest offences",

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[Mr. V. J. Oommen.]

will the Government be pleased to state the names of Forest Officers who have been recommended for punishment by the Conservator of Forests for not paying greater attention to the detection of such offences from 1101 to 1103 M. E. ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The case of one officer has been reported to the Government. The question is under consideration and the Government do not consider it fair to disclose his name at this stage.

Mahomedans qualified for Sirkar Vakils' places.

343. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): (1) Are the Government aware that there are Mahomedans who have got the necessary qualifications to be appointed as Sirkar Vakils ?

(2) Will they be pleased to state whether they have received any applications from Mahomedans for the posts of Sirkar Vakils ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes.

(2) One application has been received.

Toll collected from the Kuzhittura and Aramboly Tollgates in 1104.

344. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state the toll collected in 1104 from the Kuzhittura and Aramboly tollgates on the M. S. road and the amount spent for the maintenance of the said road ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

		Rs.
Receipts in 1104 from the tollgate at Kuzhittura	...	95,000
Do. Aramboly	...	32,605
Expenditure on maintenance of the M. S. road during 1104	...	62,117 (approximately).

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know why these tollgates are maintained on the M. S. Road.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): So that the collections therefrom might go to some extent towards the costly maintenance of the road.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether it is on a speculative policy that these tollgates are maintained ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There is no speculation at all in the matter.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): From the statement given, I understand that about Rs. 62,600 are being spent on this road; may I know from the member, what is the necessity for collecting additional money for the maintenance of these roads?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Every year, we have to increase the maintenance grant. The maintenance grant now sanctioned is not final. Even now, Government have a

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